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I am a California resident. I support a *total* ban on anticoagulant rodenticides. This includes strong opposition to any changes to the regulations that would give exemptions for the use of rodenticides that would roll back protections gained by state legislation in 2020, 2023, and 2024.

In addition to the slow, painful death rodenticides cause in the target animal, they can cause secondary poisoning and death for wildlife that eat poisoned rodents. (As you well know.) This leads to imbalances in the ecosystem, which leads to more, potentially bigger problems.

California does not need to rely on cruel, outdated poisons. Integrated Pest Management strategies such as sealing buildings, removing food and water sources, and employing non-toxic controls such as contraceptives, snap traps and electric trips, are humane and cost-effective solutions that do not cause harm up the food chain.

There should be only extremely limited exemptions for the use of rodenticides.